

Announcements & Upcoming Events:

Tax questions or need to check on a tax account issue?

Call the IRS Business & Specialty Toll Free number, 1-800-829-4933, open Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. your local time (Alaska & Hawaii follow Pacific Time). You can find a complete list of IRS toll free numbers [here](#). Did you know? One of the best ways to get information is by visiting the IRS [Small Business Tax Center](#) where you can learn everything from how to get an Employer Identification Number (EIN) online to how to best navigate an audit.

IRS Small Business Week Webinar – Get All the Tax Benefits You Deserve

Taking all the deductions you're entitled to? Know what business tax credits you can take? Get answers to these questions and more during this free one-hour webinar...

Tuesday, June 18 -- 10:00 a.m. (Alaska); 11:00 a.m. (Pacific); Noon (Mountain)

What's Covered:

- Learn about business expenses and deductions
- What is a business depreciation deduction?
- Find out which business tax credits are available for your business
- Get the latest facts about the American Taxpayer Relief Act
- What are the qualifications for the Earned Income Tax Credit?
- Broadcast will include a live Q&A session

CE Credit is NOT being offered for this webinar.

Click on the following link to register: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/IRS/94208/reg.asp?id=94208>

IRS Small Business Week Webinar – Avoiding the Top Tax Mistakes that Small Businesses Make

Knowledge is power...and ignorance is not bliss. You know your business. Take that knowledge to new heights and avoid mistakes.

Get the information you need and answers to your questions during this free one-hour webinar...

Thursday, June 20 -- 10:00 a.m. (Alaska); 11:00 a.m. (Pacific); Noon (Mountain)

What's Covered:

- Tips to avoid common mistakes with your business taxes
- Good recordkeeping strategies
- What is reportable income
- How to carefully choose a tax preparer
- Helpful Tax Information Resources
- Broadcast will include a live Q&A session

CE Credit is NOT being offered for this webinar.

Click on the following link to register: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/IRS/94230/reg.asp?id=94230>

Identity Theft: Protecting Your Business & Your Customers

FREE Webinar presented by the Federal Trade Commission & Internal Revenue Service

Tuesday, June 25 -- 10:00—11:00 am Alaska; 11:00 am—noon Pacific; Noon—1:00 pm Mountain

Speakers from the FTC and IRS will discuss:

- how businesses can avoid being victims of ID theft
- how businesses can protect themselves and their customers
- who to contact/what to do if they suspect they are a victim of ID theft
- ways IRS and FTC are combating ID theft

- where to find ID theft resources on the FTC and IRS websites

To register, click here: <https://events.na.collabserv.com/register.php?id=ed016cd78f&l=en-US>

Before registering, be sure your spam filter is set to accept email from our webinar provider – confirmation and reminder emails will appear with the name “SL Northwest” and will be from the email address noreply@infiniteconferencing.com. If you have any problems registering, contact us directly at SL.northwest@irs.gov

CE Credit is NOT being offered for this webinar.

Small Business Workshops – Seattle SBA Education and Training Center

Small Business Taxes & Bookkeeping for the Small Business Owner - 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Learn about important information regarding your tax responsibilities as a small business owner. Topics covered:

- What taxes to pay and when they are due
- How to choose the right accountant and the right accounting software
- How to document expenses and activities
- How to take care of employee and contractor payroll taxes
- The difference between city, county, state, and federal taxation
- What the tax advantages are for the sole proprietor or for business entities in general

Workshops are held at the 4th & Battery Building - 2401 Fourth Avenue, Suite 450, Seattle

Please pre-register by calling 206-553-2664 or e-mail workshops@sba.gov.

SBA and SCORE also offer a variety of other workshops for small business owners – find out more here: <http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/3157>

Seattle SCORE Workshops

<http://seattle.score.org/localworkshops>

SCORE offers workshops designed to give you the skills necessary to start your own successful business.

July 10, Aug 7 -- Starting a New Business

4th & Battery Building - 2401 Fourth Avenue, Suite 450, Seattle

Spokane SCORE Workshops

<http://www.scorespokane.org/workshops>

Spokane Regional Business Center (SRBC), 801 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 444, Spokane

How to Start a Business – July 10 -- 8:00 am – 12:30 pm – Cost: \$40 (Veterans attend FREE)

Check website for current listings and registration information.

Washington State Dept of Labor & Industries - Free Contractor Training Days

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/TradesLicensing/Contractors/Workshops/Contractor/>

More than 25 different classes are offered on subjects including: safety, managing your claims to control your workers' compensation costs, public works contracting, business planning, risk management, marketing and more. See the link above for registration information.

Upcoming dates:

June 28 – Mt. Vernon -- [Skagit Valley College](#)

Sept 6 – Lynnwood -- [Edmonds Community College Snoqualmie Hall \(www.edcc.edu\)](#).

Employer's Introduction to L&I Workshops

<http://www.lni.wa.gov/Safety/TrainTools/Workshops/Available/EmpOrien/default.asp>

This workshop is designed for new businesses or businesses that plan to hire workers for the first time. It explains an employer's rights and responsibilities and provides an overview of the services and resources available at Labor and Industries.

June 20 – Bremerton – 9am – 12 pm

July 11 – Port Angeles– 9am – 12 pm
July 17 – Spokane – 9am – 12 pm
July 23 – Vancouver – 9am – 12 pm
July 25 – Tacoma – 9am – 12 pm
July 30 – Tumwater – 9am – 12 pm

New Business Tax Workshops – Washington State Department of Revenue

<https://fortress.wa.gov/dor/efile/SecureForms/Content/WorkshopsAndEducation/AttendAWorkshop/RegisterForWorkShop.aspx?ID=213>

Learn the basics of Washington State taxes. This free workshop will help you understand your tax reporting responsibilities. Tax reporting classifications, deductions, sales tax collection, and recordkeeping requirements will be discussed. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions regarding taxes that apply specifically to your business. To find out when the next workshop will be held in your area, and to register, see the link above. Can't attend a workshop in person? [Watch an online workshop or tutorial.](#)

IRS Updates & News Releases:

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IRS Has Updated Online Small Business Tax Workshop

<http://www.irsvideos.gov/SmallBusinessTaxpayer/virtualworkshop>

The Internal Revenue Service has updated one of its most popular tools, the virtual small business tax workshop. We've also renamed it ... *Small Business Taxes: The Virtual Workshop*. The online workshop now has updated content, enhanced navigation, interactive features and a completely new look and feel. The nine interactive lessons still provide training for small business owners who want to learn about their tax rights and responsibilities.

The virtual workshop has many advantages:

- Users can customize the lessons to meet individual needs.
- It features the convenience of 24/7 availability, and learning at users' own pace.
- The materials are free; no enrollment is required.
- Users can select and view the stand-alone lessons in any sequence.
- The closed captioned lessons are completely Section 508 Compliant and fully accessible to all.
- View an outline or complete transcript of each lesson while watching it.
- Use the "bookmark" button to mark favorite spots in the lessons.
- Links to online information pop-up as the presentations play for viewers to instantly click on and view simultaneously.
- Use the "share" button to send links to favorite lessons through email.

View [Small Business Taxes: The Virtual Workshop](#)

IRS Conferences and Cost Savings FY2010 Thru FY2012

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Conferences-and-Cost-Savings-FY2010-Thru-FY2012>

Check here for IRS comments and additional information regarding the report issued by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) on IRS conferences from FY 2010 through the end of FY 2012.

Management Veterans Selected to Assist New IRS Acting Commissioner Werfel; Maloy, Grams, Fisher Named to Senior Posts

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Management-Veterans-Selected-to-Assist-New-IRS-Acting-Commissioner-Werfel>

The Internal Revenue Service today announced the selection of several senior leaders to assist new Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel. Heather Maloy will handle the responsibilities of Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, W. Todd Grams will be Chief of Staff and David Fisher will

serve as Senior Advisor to the Acting Commissioner and Chief Risk Officer. The three senior members will assist Werfel in his work to conduct a comprehensive review of IRS operations and make improvements to the nation's tax agency.

Prepare for Natural Disasters by Safeguarding Tax Records

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Prepare-for-Hurricanes,-Natural-Disasters-by-Safeguarding-Tax-Records>

IRS YouTube Videos

Preparing for Disasters: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

How to Request a Copy of Your Tax Return: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [ASL](#)

Podcast

Disaster Assistance: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

The Internal Revenue Service encourages individuals and businesses to safeguard themselves against natural disasters by taking a few simple steps, including keeping a backup set of records, documenting valuables, and updating emergency plans. See the full article or the videos and podcast for details.

Spring 2013 Statistics of Income Bulletin Now Available

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Spring-2013-Statistics-of-Income-Bulletin-Now-Available>

The Internal Revenue Service announced the availability of the spring 2013 issue of the Statistics of Income Bulletin, which features information on high-income individual income tax returns filed for tax year 2010. Taxpayers filed almost 4.3 million returns with adjusted gross income of \$200,000 or more for 2010. These high-income returns represent about 3.0 percent of all returns filed for the tax year.

The Statistics of Income (SOI) Division produces the SOI Bulletin on a quarterly basis. Articles included in the publication provide the most recent data available from various tax and information returns filed by U.S. taxpayers.

More Taxpayers e-file from Home in 2013

<http://www.irs.gov/uac/More-Taxpayers-Efile-from-Home-in-2013>

The Internal Revenue Service provided updated statistics showing continued growth in electronic filing of tax returns. So far in 2013, more than 43 million people have self-prepared and e-filed their tax returns from home, an increase of more than 4 percent compared to the prior year.

Through May 10, the IRS received more than 43.6 million self-prepared e-file returns, up from 41.7 million a year earlier. E-filed returns from tax professionals increased slightly, reaching almost 70.4 million. In all, almost 114 million tax returns came in through e-file this year, up from 112.1 million at this point last year.

Recent Articles from e-News for Small Businesses

Recent legislation extended the Work Opportunity Tax Credit through Dec. 31, 2013

[Notice 2013-14](#) also provides employers additional time beyond the 28-day deadline for submitting Form 8850, Pre-screening Notice and Certification Request for the Work Opportunity Credit, to Designated Local Agencies.

SSA/IRS Reporter

The spring edition of the [SSA/IRS Reporter](#) includes articles on:

- The Outreach Corner – a free resource for communicators
- Spring cleaning of your payroll records
- IRS wants your help to reduce taxpayer burden

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